

# Iowa Division of Latino Affairs On the Go!

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The Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs (ICLA) announces a commission meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 4th from 2:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Des Moines at the Lucas State Building, 321 E. 12th Street (2nd Floor in the Auditors Conference Room 204). The public is welcome to attend.

**Chair's Corner:** After a couple of months in this position, I realized that to do a good job we will need much more input from our community, both from leaders and the average citizen. Why? We have too many challenges to take on and few resources to address them. This time I want to focus on two issues: a) make the commission more open and accountable to our community; b) redesign the webpage to make it more meaningful and user friendly. Please, feel free to send your concerns, problem-solving ideas in how to make the commission work better for you or send your contact information to volunteer to the Chair's Corner in attention to Carolina Manjarrez at: [carolina.manjarrez@iowa.gov](mailto:carolina.manjarrez@iowa.gov). Also, you can send your ideas to redesign the website to Heather Stanley at: [heather.stanley@iowa.gov](mailto:heather.stanley@iowa.gov). Thanks in advance for your collaboration. We want to serve you better but to do so we will need your help! (See also the staff's phone numbers if you prefer to talk to any of them). Sincerely, Sandra Sanchez, Chair

**Esquina de la Presidenta** en español haga clic [aquí](#).

**Nov. 7th**  
**Refugee Legal Clinic!**  
Volunteer. Click [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Census 2010: Apr. 1st**  
Make yourself count. Click [here](#).

**Nov. 6th**  
**Attention! Youth Workers!**  
Attend "Challenge for Healthy Relationship Training" and discuss healthy relationships. Gain insight into supporting the youth in your programs as they talk about relationships. Click [here](#).

**Oct 7th -25th 8am-7pm.**  
**Free! H1N1 Vaccines**  
Polk County Public Health Office  
1907 Carpenter Ave. Click [here](#).

**Nov. 5th, 12th 6-7pm**  
L.U.N.A. en asociación con EFR  
ofrecerá clases y apoyo para padres.  
Para más información haga clic [aquí](#).

**Oct. 24th**  
**11am-2:30pm**  
"Como Conocerse A Si Misma Cuando Está En Una Relación."  
Conferencia para jóvenes de 15 a 24 años de edad. Más [aquí](#).

**Nov. 10th 3-6pm**  
Iowa Women of Innovation conference **Free** to all high school and college-age women. Learn about career opportunities from strong role models who will inspire you. Click [here](#).

**Oct. 24th**  
Press release from **Mexican Consulate in Omaha, NE.**  
Click [here](#).  
Boletín de prensa del **Consulado de Mexico en Omaha, NE.** Más [aquí](#).

**Nov. 4th**  
10:00am - 2:30 p.m.  
UNI  
Entrepreneurship Economic Development Seminar  
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.  
Click [here](#).

**Oct. 24th**  
**11am-2:30pm**  
"Learn About Yourself while in a Relationship."  
Conference for youth 15-24 yrs old. Click [here](#).

## Youth, College, Career and Volunteer Opportunities!

### Boswell Honors Fabiola Plascencia

Congressman Boswell presented Fabiola Plascencia, a senior at East High School, with a certificate to recognize her summer work as a Congressional page in Washington D.C., and donated a book titled *A History of the Capitol* to the East High School library in her honor.



### *Contest for middle school and high school students*

The Iowa College Access Network® (ICAN) is **offering two \$1,000 college scholarships for the best poster promoting college.** This contest is your students' chance to encourage others to pursue their college dreams. Contest during Oct 1st—30th. Visit [www.ICANSucceed.org](http://www.ICANSucceed.org). You can also contact ICAN at (877) CPC-Iowa. Click [here](#).

**Get ready for college!** 5th Annual College Prep Day. Click [here](#).

Help get more and better adult English language learning (ELL) opportunities by filling out this survey! Click [here](#).

**Let's Talk!** The month of October is a time when parents are encouraged to talk to their kids about relationships, sex, contraception, and pregnancy. Click [here](#).

Interested in a healthcare career? Click [here](#).

**ICAN Servicios de planificación para asistir la universidad.** Haga clic [aquí](#).

### One Child. One Hour. Each Week.

We are a literacy and mentoring program designed to help elementary age children foster a lifelong love of reading.

#### Volunteer Today!

Want more info?

Call: (515) 277-7590 or email [info@everybodywinsiowa.org](mailto:info@everybodywinsiowa.org)



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## What is the Iowa Youth Congress?

The Iowa Youth Congress provides real experience in representative government and democracy. When you participate in the Iowa Youth Congress, you have the opportunity to lead and make your voice heard. To meet and discuss issues with state legislators. To see how government really works. To work with high school students from across Iowa.

Iowa schools with the highest minority population are invited to participate. 100 representatives and 100 alternates convene yearly in the Iowa House Chambers. They hold elections and propose, debate and pass three bills. Then a plan is created to present the bills to state lawmakers.

Take advantage of this chance to leave your mark, have an impact on the issues that matter most, and help change your community!

All meals and lodging are covered by the program!



*Students participate in the 3rd Annual Session in the Iowa House Chamber, November 2008.*



## Save the Dates!

### Regional Meetings

Regional meetings will be held in October to prepare for the annual Iowa Youth Congress.

#### October 17, 2009

9:00am-4:00pm: Des Moines and Central Iowa Regional Meeting  
DMACC Urban Campus (Building 1, Rm 126), 1100 7th St, Des Moines, IA 50314

#### October 24, 2009

9:00am-4:00pm: Eastern and Western Iowa Regional Meetings  
Eastern: Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Hall, Rm 343), 6301 Kirkwood Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Western: Western Iowa Tech, 11 N 35th St, Denison, IA 51442

**Annual Event** The 4th Annual Iowa Youth Congress Session will be held in the Iowa State Capitol House Chamber on November 13-14, 2009.

#### November 13, 2009

8:30am-4:00pm: Iowa Youth Congress Session  
Iowa State Capitol, Des Moines  
4:15pm-6:15pm: College Fair at Embassy Suites  
6:30pm-9:00pm: 3rd Annual Dream Forward Dinner  
Embassy Suites on the River, 101 E Locust St., Des Moines 50309  
9:00pm-11:00pm: Dance, Embassy Suites on the River

#### November 14, 2009

9:00am-2:00pm: Planning Session  
Mercy College (Brennan Hall), 928 6th Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309

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## News and Reports

**From the National Women's Law Center :** While Latina girls are dreaming big, far too many face serious barriers to graduation. At least 41% of Latinas in the US do not graduate from high school. The report, *Listening to Latina's: Barriers to High School Graduation*, shares stories and quotes from young Latinas as well as their teachers, counselors, and program staff. It shines a light on the specific challenges facing Latinas and explores strategies for removing the obstacles that keep so many of them from succeeding in school ([www.nwlc.org/listening](http://www.nwlc.org/listening)). If you are an educator and/or a policymaker, help Latina students by implementing the recommendations in the report (<http://action.nwlc.org/latinapledge>). If you have any questions please, contact Megan Tackney at [action@nwlc.org](mailto:action@nwlc.org).

New report, Human Rights Violations Against Immigrants 'Guilty by Immigration Status,' documents the troubling rise in racial profiling and immigrant detentions. Click [here](#).

### **Dec. 10th and 11th**

Register for Iowa CASA's Different Colors of Violence Conference X "The Power of YOUth!" Click [here](#).

Stay-at-Home Moms are More Likely Younger, Hispanic & Foreign-Born Than Other Mothers. Click [here](#).

### **Funding Opportunity Deadline Dec.1st**

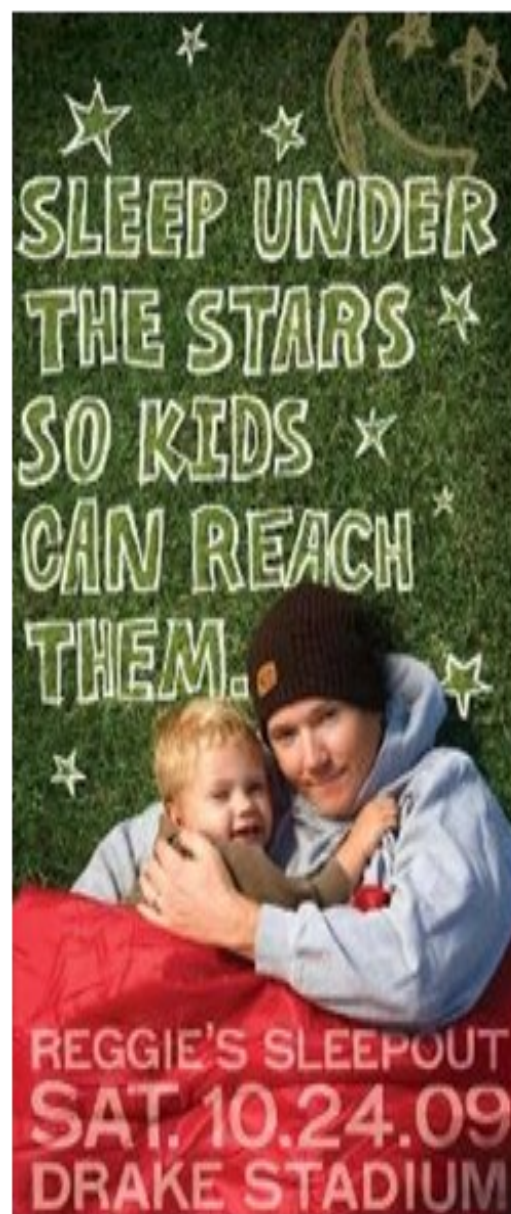
Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative. The American Recovery Reinvestment Act of 2009 is investing \$650 million. Click [here](#).

Iowa Latino Affairs Directory Information Request Form. Click [here](#).

Do you know someone who has made a difference in the lives of English language learners? Learn how to nominate them for their contributions. Click [here](#).

Latino Service Providers Youth Survey has found that 45% of 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 33% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders & 34% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders have zero involvement in school sponsored sports, music, clubs etc. Click [here](#).

A report from the Immigration Policy Center:  
**The Economy in Connection to Immigrants & Immigration Reform.** Click [here](#).



Reggie's Sleepout. Click [here](#).